



Winter time

Lesson code: TMZG-T69B-3Z3C

PRE-INTERMEDIATE

🇬🇧 British English

1 Warm-up

Do you like winter? Why/why not?

2 Winter objects

Match the words to the pictures.

a blanket
glovesa scarf
icea sled/a sledge
skisa snowman
snowballs

1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

3 Things you do in winter

Match the verbs on the left to the words on the right to make phrases for things you can do in winter.

1. wear
2. drink
3. go
4. throw
5. build
6. stay

- a. a snowman
- b. gloves
- c. hot chocolate
- d. indoors
- e. skiing
- f. snowballs



4 Winter

Read the text below and answer the questions.

Winter is between autumn and spring, and is the coldest season. In northern parts of the world it starts in December and finishes in February, and in southern parts of the world it begins in June and ends in August. Some countries use the temperature to decide when spring begins and winter ends.

The name winter comes from an old German word which means 'time of water', because of the rain and snow that falls in northern areas. When there is enough snow, many people go skiing, snowboarding or sledding. Ice skating is also popular.

Animals either travel to a warmer place in the winter, or sleep until the weather gets warmer. If they don't sleep and stay outside, their fur gets thicker and keeps them warm.

The lowest temperature in the United States was in Alaska on January the 3rd 1971, when the temperature went down to -62°C. In December 2017 and January 2018, there were also very cold temperatures in the US. Scientists think that winter weather is getting worse, maybe because of climate change, and that people should prepare for more extreme winters.

Sources: Wikipedia, Live Science, Time and date.com

1. What do some countries use instead of a calendar to show the end of winter? _____
2. Why is winter called 'the time of water'? _____
3. What sports do people do in winter? _____
4. Name two things an animal can do to stay warm in winter. _____
5. What do scientists think could be a reason for more extreme winter weather? _____

5 Special events in winter

Where do you think these special events happen? Match the countries to the statements. Your teacher will give you the correct answers. Total your score and compare it with other pairs.

Brazil
Scotland

France
South Korea

Italy
USA and Canada

1. People wear colourful clothes and dance in the streets all day. _____
2. There is a 1,000 mile dog sled race along the way which people travelled to find gold. _____
3. People wear special masks and costumes. _____
4. People go ice fishing and cook the fish. They can also go fishing at night. _____
5. Islands have fire festivals to show it is the end of winter. _____
6. Every year, people build things with lemons at a big festival. _____



6 Temperature

Complete the sentences under the pictures with the correct words.

below zero
freezing

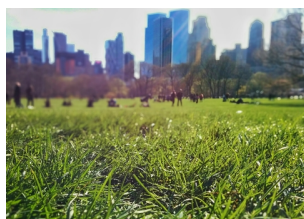
cold
- (minus)

cool
warm



1. It's _____ today.
You may need to wear a jacket.

2. It's _____ cold.
Don't go swimming.



4. It's _____ in New York now.
The temperature is 20°C.

3. The temperature today is _____ 20°C.



5. It's very _____ here.

6. The temperature in Antarctica is usually _____ .



1 Warm-up

Encourage a short warm-up discussion.

2 Winter objects

Students can work alone and then check in pairs.

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| 1. gloves | 2. a snowman | 3. a blanket | 4. ice |
| 5. a sled/a sledge | 6. a scarf | 7. snowballs | 8. skis |

3 Things you do in winter

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|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. b | 2. c | 3. e | 4. f | 5. a | 6. d |
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4 Winter

Students can work alone and check in pairs.

- the temperature
- Because of the rain and snow that falls in northern areas.
- Skiing, snowboarding, sledding, ice skating
- It can travel to a warmer place, sleep for the winter, or grow thicker fur.
- climate change

5 Special events in winter

Students should work in pairs. Give the correct answers to the students after the activity, then they can compare scores.

- Brazil -(Carnaval)
- USA and Canada (The Yukon Quest)
- Italy - (Carnevale - Venice)
- South Korea (Hwacheon Ice Festival)
- Scotland (Shetland Islands - Up Helly Aa)
- France (Menton Lemon Festival)

6 Temperature

Students can work in pairs and check answers with the teacher.

- It's cool today. You might want to wear your jacket.
- The lake is freezing cold. Don't go swimming.
- It's warm in New York now. The temperature is 20°C.
- The temperature today is - (minus) 20°C.
- It's very cold here.
- The temperature in Antarctica is usually below zero.

